

### **Administrative Conditions**

1. This award is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, HR 2055, Division E, Sections 433 and 434 (sections 433 and 434) regarding unpaid federal tax liabilities and federal felony convictions. Accordingly, by accepting this award the recipient acknowledges that it: (1) is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal conviction under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the award, unless EPA has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation, or such officer or agent, based on these tax liabilities or convictions and determined that such action is not necessary to protect the Government's interests. If the recipient fails to comply with these provisions, EPA will annul this agreement and may recover any funds the recipient has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.

2. Payment to consultants. EPA participation in the salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients or by a recipient's contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for a Level IV of the Executive Schedule (formerly GS-18), to be adjusted annually. This limit applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. As of January 1, 2012, the limit is \$596.00 per day and \$74.50 per hour. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with their normal travel reimbursement practices).

Contracts with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in 40 CFR 30 or 31, as applicable, are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with responsibility for the selection, direction, and control of the individuals who will be providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 40 CFR 31.36(j) or 30.27(b).

3. The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

4. Recipients shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1532. Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipients may access suspension and debarment information at <http://www.sam.gov>. This system allows recipients to perform searches determining whether an entity or individual is excluded from receiving Federal assistance. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

### **5. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

a. If the recipient does not have a previously established indirect cost rate, and is not approved for use of a 10% flat IDC rate, it agrees to prepare and submit its indirect cost rate proposal in accordance with the appropriate federal cost principles, 2 CFR 230, "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations".

The recipient must send its proposal to its cognizant federal agency within ninety (90) days from the effective date of the award of this assistance agreement. The recipient must carbon copy this EPA office with its proposal.

If EPA is the cognizant federal agency of the non-profit organization, the recipient must send its indirect cost

rate proposal within ninety (90) days from the effective date of the award to:

Via Email: OGD\_IndirectCost@EPA.GOV

Via Regular Mail: National Policy, Training and Compliance Division  
Office of Grants and Debarment  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, MC 3903R  
Washington, DC 20460  
Attn: OGD Indirect Cost Rate Control Desk

Via Fedex/UPS: National Policy, Training and Compliance Division  
Office of Grants and Debarment  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20004  
Attn: OGD Indirect Cost Rate Control Desk

The non-profit recipient agrees to follow the enclosed “Sample Indirect Cost Proposal Format for Nonprofit Organizations.” The sample proposal may also be accessed at: [Sample Indirect Cost Proposal Format For Nonprofit Organizations | Grants and Debarment | US EPA](#) . Another resource is the “EPA Guide on How to Prepare an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal for a Non-Profit Organization,” and may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/EPATraineeIndirect.pdf>

b. Recipients may not draw down indirect costs unless they: i) have a current rate agreement; ii) have been approved for a flat 10% rate; or iii) have submitted, within 90 days of award, an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant federal agency for review and approval and a final rate has been determined by the cognizant agency.

c. Recipients are responsible for maintaining an approved indirect cost rate. Recipients with differences between their provisional rates and final rates are not entitled to more than the amount identified in the award for indirect costs without EPA approval.

6. a. The recipient agrees to:
- (1) Establish all subaward agreements in writing;
  - (2) Maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the EPA-approved project (this responsibility cannot be delegated or transferred to a subrecipient);
  - (3) Ensure that any subawards comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 and are not used to acquire commercial goods or services for the recipient;
  - (4) Ensure that any subawards are awarded to eligible subrecipients and that proposed subaward costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable;
  - (5) Ensure that any subawards to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
  - (6) Monitor the performance of their recipients and ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the subaward;
  - (7) Obtain EPA’s consent before making a subaward to a foreign or international organization, or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country; and
  - (8) Obtain approval from EPA for any new subaward work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.
- b. Any questions about subrecipient eligibility or other issues pertaining to subawards should be addressed to the recipient’s EPA Project Officer. Additional information regarding subawards may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subaward-policy-part-2.pdf>. Guidance for distinguishing between vendor and subrecipient relationships and ensuring compliance with Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 can be found at

<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf> and <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html>.

c. The recipient is responsible for selecting its subrecipients and, if applicable, for conducting subaward competitions.

7. EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as shown on line 15 in its EPA approved budget. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk.

8. 1. Trafficking in Persons.

a. Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.

1. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not:
  - i. Engage in sever forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
  - ii. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
  - iii. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

2. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity-

- i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
- ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have

violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either-

A. Associated with performance under this award; or

B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the

conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our Agency at 2 CFR 1532.

b. Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity. We as the Federal awarding agency my unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity-

1. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or

2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either-

- i. Associated with performance under this award; or

ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR 1532.

c. Provisions applicable to any recipient.

1. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term.

2. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a.2 or b of this section:

i. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104 (g)), and

ii. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.

3. You must include the requirements of paragraph a.1 of this award term in any subaward you make to a private entity.

d. Definitions. For the purposes of this award term:

1. "Employee" means either:

i. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or

ii. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.

2. "Forced labor" means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

3. "Private entity":

i. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25

ii. Includes:

A. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than the one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25 (b).

B. A for-profit organization.

4. "Severe forms of trafficking in persons," "commercial sex act," and "coercion" have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

All Other Administrative Conditions Remain the Same

### **Programmatic Conditions**

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